

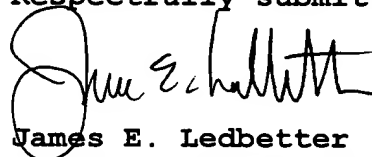
Submitted herewith are the following documents as required by the Office Action:

- (1) Supplemental Reissue Declaration;
- (2) Assent of Assignee to Reissue;
- (3) Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b); and
- (4) Declaration as to Inaccessibility of Original Letters Patent.

In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone interview, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

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